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Posts abolished and created by this Government from 1st April 1947.

* 153 *Q.*—Sri P. VEERABHADRASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Premier be pleased to state—

(*a*) what posts, both gazetted and non-gazetted, the Government have abolished from 1st April 1947 up to date;

(*b*) what posts, both gazetted and non-gazetted, the Government have created from 1st April 1947;

(*c*) the salaries the various posts that were abolished carried; and

(*d*) the salaries the various posts that are created carry?

The Hon. Dr. T. S. S. RAJAN (on behalf of Hon. the Premier) :—" (*a*) *to* (*d*) The Government consider that the time and labour involved in the collection of information is not commensurate with any public interest that may be served."

Issue of passports.

* 154 *Q.*—Sri S. B. ADITYAN : Will the Hon. the Home Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Provincial Government are the competent authority for the issue of passports to the subjects of—

(i) this Province,
(ii) Travancore State,
(iii) Mysore State, and
(iv) Hyderabad State;

(*b*) the procedure followed by the Government for the issue of passports in each of the above categories; and

(*c*) the number of passports issued or renewed since 15th August 1947 in each category?

The Hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" (*a*) The competent authority to issue passports to the subjects of this Province, Travancore State, Mysore State and British subjects in Hyderabad State, is the Secretary or Under Secretary in the Home Department and when both of them are out of Madras City, the Commissioner of Police, Madras. The authority competent to issue passports to subjects of Hyderabad State will depend on the result of the negotiations now going on between the Governments of the Indian Union and His Exalted Highness the Nizam of Hyderabad. Now that a standstill agreement has been arrived at, it is very likely that the Government of India will allow the Madras Government to issue passports to the subjects of His Exalted Highness the Nizam of Hyderabad.

" (*b*) Any person applying for a passport is required to apply in the prescribed form. The passport officer has to satisfy himself that there are no reasonable grounds for apprehending that the applicant's presence in any country abroad

would be dangerous or other his visit to any country abroad would render him dangerous on his return to India and that there are no grounds, for apprehending that the applicant would become destitute and require repatriation at Government expense. For these purposes, guarantees for(?) maintenance and repatriation are obtained when necessary and reports are called for from the local district authority, i.e., the District Magistrate, or the Commissioner of Police within whose jurisdiction the applicant normally resides. In the case of persons residing within the States of Travancore and Mysore the opinion of the Government of the State concerned is obtained. The passport officer may use his discretion and waive the guarantee or reference in clear cases.

" (c) The number of passports issued to residents of the Madras Province from 15th August 1947 to 31st October 1947 is 541 and the number of passports renewed during the same period is 38. Similar figures for Travancore, Mysore, and British subjects in Hyderabad are 43 and nil, 205 and 7 and 25 and 2 respectively."

Sri S. B. ADITYAN :—" Has any application for the issue of passport been received from any subject of the Hyderabad State since the 15th of August? "

The Hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" As no standstill agreement had been arrived at between the Government of India and His Exalted Highness' Government, we were not in a position to issue passports to the subjects of the Hyderabad State till an agreement had been reached. When we hear from the Government of India that passports can be issued to the subjects of His Exalted Highness, then of course, the ordinary rules that I have referred to in my answer will apply."

K. T. M. AHAMED IBRAHIM SAHIB Bahadur :—" Is it not a fact that according to the negotiations just concluded, the Hyderabad State is to issue passports subject to endorsement by the Government of India? "

The Hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" As I understand the standstill agreement, no extra territorial relations are allowed to His Exalted Highness. Therefore passports will have to be issued by the Government of India who have extra territorial rights."

Sri S. B. ADITYAN :—" Now that a standstill agreement has been concluded, may I know whether it is within the discretion of the Madras Government to issue or refuse passports to the subjects of the Hyderabad State? "

The Hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" That will depend upon the orders which we receive from the Government of India. Passports is a matter for the Indian Union, and we act only as the agents of the Government of India."